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WUNTZ (Full Description)

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9. I returned the conversation to GRIESEN's "Scheinmets" by asking what thinking had led him to the decision to create such an apparatus. I asked if the Soviets were boring in on UPHILL so hot and heavy that this was an emergency measure. He replied that it all started with a Soviet attempt to penetrate UPHILL and the "Scheinmets" was to be used to convince the Soviets they had reached their target without this being the case. I then said that this was the first such case like this I had heard of since WUNTZ. GRIESEN stated that this was WUNTZ. I protested that WUNTZ was dead and asked GRIESEN if he had been able to pull off the trick of raising WUNTZ from the grave. Speaking in the third person, GRIESEN said: "GRIESEN did very nearly that although it took him a year and a half to do it." Then, almost as if he felt an irresistible need for recognition, he poured out the following story with little or no encouragement from me:

10. Shortly before WUNTZ died and with no other purpose than winning a little time for the operation, GRIESEN had WUNTZ notify the Soviets that a colleague of his was using WUNTZ as an accommodation address and that letters arrived from all over Europe. A short time later, WUNTZ was to the Soviets that his colleague was going on leave and WUNTZ was to forward all the mail to another accommodation address during the next weeks. This was a post office box in an unidentified (to me) city in West Germany. WUNTZ furnished the exact address to the Soviets.

11. Almost immediately thereafter, WUNTZ died. GRIESEN looked frantically around for some way to save the case. He finally hit upon a scheme to have one of WUNTZ's relatives write to WUNTZ's last Berlin accommodation address, one Ingrid MUELLER, that WUNTZ had died. GRIESEN decided upon WUNTZ's brother, who lives in Munich. The brother wrote substantially the following:

"Dear Frau MUELLER,

"We do not know one another, but I am (WUNTZ's) brother. WUNTZ passed away some two weeks ago and I am notifying all his friends and acquaintances of his passing. In going through his personal effects I found your name. If you desire any

additional details please let me know or contact his close friend and colleague, Herr X, who was nearest him in the last months of his life. Herr X's address is _____."

As an address for Herr X, GRIESEN had WUNTZ's brother provide the same accommodation address WUNTZ fed the Soviets per para. 10. above.

12. There was no response for several months. Finally, a letter arrived at this accommodation address from a man who announced himself to be a close friend of WUNTZ's. The man stated in the letter that WUNTZ had furnished him Herr X's address shortly before he passed away. And, almost as if he had had a premonition of his passing, WUNTZ had cautioned the man that if he ever needed a friend, he should turn to X. The man stated that he was not in this position, but he none-the-less wanted to establish contact with X since both were apparently WUNTZ's best friends, even though they did not know one another. The letter was quite polite and the type that would invoke a response in kind from any average individual.

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13. Since this appeared to be the breakthrough in the case, GURININ had I mention the letter in an equally polite and warm fashion and a conversation sprung up between the two. It was conducted by an invitation from the man to I to visit Berlin. I refused the offer stating that he never had business reasons for my travel in Berlin and did not want to travel there on his own time because he intended to vacation in Rome that summer during the Olympics. By return mail, I received word from the man stating that this was unusually good fortune since the man was also contemplating a trip to the Olympics. He suggested a meeting in Rome and in the next weeks complete meeting instructions were laid on.

14. The meeting took place in the heart of Rome, but at a place where it could be observed and photographed from all sides. I stated that he presumed that the man was a colleague of his and GURININ's and repeated his offer to help the man in any way possible. Almost point blank, the man said he was not a colleague but was from Moscow. He said he knew what I did for a living and that I could name his price for cooperation. I stated that he wanted to know how the man could prove his bona fides, to which the man replied I can furnish you money, papers in false names for your safety and other things you might need. I replied that the man was not "Boss", and that he was ready to do business at a good price but only with the "Boss". I then only a discussion with the "Boss" would serve to convince I that it was worth the risk. The man immediately responded by stating that his "Boss" was ready to meet I at my time at my place and I need only to give the word.

15. I stated that Geneva was the best place for such a meeting because it was safe ground for the Soviets and also accessible for him with little difficulty. The Soviets bought this and a meeting was arranged. Just shortly before the meeting was to take place, however, there was a flap in Switzerland involving the Soviets or the Soviets or some other service, and the Soviets got cold feet. After further correspondence the Soviets

proposed a second meeting site, this time in Berlin. I was forced to explain this on the valid grounds that he could not travel to France because of certain of his activities there during the war. This resulted in further correspondence of a rather desultory nature culminating in a letter from I stating that he had agreed to talk business but if the Soviets were unwilling to meet with him, they should consider the whole deal closed. Within five days, a letter arrived suggesting a meeting in Vienna in August 1961.

16. The Vienna meeting took place. The Soviet "Boss" was there and I accepted recruitment for \$10,000 to be deposited in a bank for him. That is where the case stands as of this moment.

that UPHILL had not yet identified the "boss".
UPHILL had not yet been forced to deliver any confidential
to the Soviets. However, as UPHILL was the most reliable source,
was my GRINER had created his "Soviet" source. I have been transferred out
of the Department and is currently working as a special observer. GRINER
apparently feels that he can report all of his activities in this direction
and as far as his present whereabouts, this is to be GRINER's "Soviet".
I asked GRINER how long he felt he could get away with this and
he stated that if I requested GRINER, my first half-down requirements would
be such that the requested information could never be released as special-
material nor would GRINER himself legally place that he did not have
access to such information. GRINER could only bring his shoulders at my
questions and state that they would tell. He further stated that he only
knew the boss for long enough for him to gain some insight on how the Soviets
went about handling in on UPHILL and long enough to possibly discuss from
the requirements how much the Soviets already knew about UPHILL. GRINER
concluded by stating that his "Soviet" was to be set up to deliver the
to him to that what they were seeking was a full blown UPHILL. GRINER
stated in closing that he would not actually seeing UPHILL at any time.